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CERTAIN MARKET FOR ORANGES

High Praise for Samples Grown in
Honolulu—How Money Could
Be Made—Figures Given.

In the days when California was
quite young indeed and Hawaii was
but a little older, produce was shipped
in quite a volume from the Islands to
the coast. In a few years the course of
trade was reversed. Now there prom-
ises to be another change. Mr. Byron
O. Clark, the Commissioner of Agricul-
ture, has been doing some hard work
in the direction of ascertaining the
fruit development possibilities of the
group. He is a practical man and has
on the coast many acquaintances who
are practical men. A short time ago
Mr. Clark sent to one of the old fruit
farms at San Francisco some navel
oranges grown right in Honolulu, and
judgment has been passed upon them.
The verdict confirms precisely what
has been held by Mr. Clark in the
premises and that gentleman said yes-
terday that he could think of no bet-
ter business enterprise than an orange
grove in Hawaii, conducted by men
who knew the business.

The trial shipment was not made
from fruit specially grown. These
Navel oranges were picked from trees
on the Claus Spreckels premises in
Punahou, Honolulu, Oahu. The trees
were planted some years ago by Mr.
Walter M. Giffard, whose interest in
fruit culture is well known. The trees
have not received any special care.

Here is what old commission mer-
chants—established 1880—say of the
market at San Francisco for Hawaiian
oranges:

San Francisco, Nov. 26, 1898.
Byron O. Clark, Honolulu, H. I.
Dear Sir:—We were recently handed
a sample of Navel oranges produced
in your locality and requested to write
you regarding the quality of the same
and future prospects should you be
prepared to market here during the
holiday season.

In this connection, we desire to say
that in some respects these oranges
are a revelation to us, as they are
equal in point of juiciness and sweet-
ness to any we have ever seen before.
It is safe to say they will weigh double
an orange of the same size produced
in California. We have never seen an
orange with so much juice, although
these were evidently picked before
they were fully matured. There is, of
course, a slight insipidity in the
taste, but this was undoubtedly caused
by their being taken from the trees be-
fore they were fully grown. If you
can produce oranges of this quality in
any quantity we see no reason why
they should not take the market
wherever they are sent in preference
to anything else. It is barely possible
some portions of Florida produce an
orange similar to yours, but it is very
doubtful if they will equal them.

In regard to the prices that could be
obtained for them—of course, at this
writing, we could not fully say, but
we should judge that range in price
would be from \$4 to \$5 per box, if they
could be gotten here early in the sea-
son—say November 1st, to the middle
of December, or the 1st of January.
After the California oranges become
plentiful in the market, of course, they
will be quite cheap, which would ne-
cessitate selling fruit of this quality
much lower than their real value, but
we are certain all who may have the
pleasure of once using them would give
them the preference at quite a consid-
erable margin of values of anything
else coming to this market. Should
you be able to get a few boxes togeth-
er, we shall be pleased to have them.
Will place them with the very best
trade here and advertise them liberal-
ly. Presume, however, you will not
have them in sufficient quantities this
season to be merchantable but in the
future suppose you will be able to ship
quantities of them.

We are hoping to hear from the col-
ony recently organized by yourself, Mr.
Kellogg and others, and sincerely hope
it will prove a success beyond your
most sanguine expectations.

Hoping to hear from you at your
convenience, we remain,
Yours respectfully,
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MONTE CARLO RAIDED.

A business or official visit was made by men of the police
department at 11:30 last night to the new modern gambling house
on Hotel street, over the Chinese restaurant opposite the Wav-
erley block. The Executive branch of the legal arm of the Gov-
ernment was represented by a select squad, consisting of De-
puty Marshal Chas. Chillingworth, Capt. Kanai and Nigel Jackson.

Four men were arrested and a roulette outfit captured. The
warrant called for L. H. Dee, Gardner, H. D. Rivers and "Buck"
Buchanan. They were taken to the station and after a talk with
the Deputy Marshal released on promise to appear before Judge
Wilcox at 9 this morning. Mr. Dee is a well known citizen in
the saloon business. It is likely that he will fight the case, as he
claims to have simply been a casual visitor when arrested. Gard-
ner was acting as doorman last night. Rivers is a reputed
professional gambler from Bodie and brought the roulette wheel
and some other gambling tools to the Islands a short time ago.
Buchanan is supposed to have been employed at the place.

The faro bank plant, mention of which was made in this
paper a few days ago, is believed by the police to have been taken
from the premises quite early in the evening.

The roulette wheel and cloth are new and are of the cheap
sort. There was also brought to the station a rack of about 1,000
checks. In one drawer of the roulette table was something over
\$40. This would be considered in the States rather a small
bank "roll." In another drawer of the roulette wheel was found
"IOU" tickets or cards, "markers," "coppers" and "sponge box,"
used at faro, blank checks on a city bank and a revolver.

Chillingworth and his men met Gardner at the door and saw
him sound a bell tap; but there was no difficulty whatever in
getting into the place after Gardner had been shoved aside and
spoken to in plain language. The several rooms of the establish-
ment are nicely fitted up and made more attractive to some pa-
trons by a supply of liquor. The faro game has been running less
than a month.

The young officer who led the raid on the place was very
much disappointed over the disappearance of the faro plant and
the considerable sum of money that its use would have neces-
sitated. It is learned from Mr. Chillingworth that this is the fourth
time he has made preparations to raid the place, but on each oc-
casion has failed to make the descent on learning that he was ap-
parently expected. Chillingworth has a long list of witnesses on
his warrant and there will be surprises in a number of quarters
when the responses to subpoenas are made.

The roulette wheel was an object of great interest to the po-
lice at the station last night, as none of them had ever seen any-
thing like it before and wondered at this hasty plan of gambling.
The native officers recognized at once, however, a dice gaming
layout that was picked up somewhere.

Rivers took the affair of last night very calmly. He may ac-
cept the situation and plead guilty. Gardner did not seem to care
much. Dee did not like it at all and "Buck" evidently consid-
ered it rather distasteful.

The penalty for conducting a faro bank or roulette wheel here
is quite heavy. It is said the record shows that a fine of \$500
was imposed on some faro dealers and bankers some years ago.
Chillingworth was very much in earnest in this raid. Persons
alleged to be connected with the gambling house in some way are
said to have boasted from time to time, and quite openly of late,
that so far as the local authorities were concerned the enter-
prise was immune. Word was also brought to Chillingworth that
more than one threat had been made that he would get hurt if he
visited the place with the intention of breaking it up.

DELAYED STEAMERS.

Heavy Freight the Order—Not on
the Reef.

The Claudine did not get away from
the dock until about 7 o'clock last
night, owing to an extraordinary
amount of freight offering. The night
was dark and Captain Cameron sent
out two boats to light the channel.
In securing these boats, after getting out-
side, the Claudine was delayed another
hour and some irresponsible seeing
her outside telephoned that she was on
the reef. The officials of the Wilder
company were soon on the front, but
by that time the Claudine was steam-
ing around Diamond Head. Other Is-
land steamers were also delayed in de-
parture owing to the large shipments
of holiday goods to the other Islands.

Harbor Room Wanted.

At the request of a number of the
shipping factors, there will be taken up
by the Board of Trade at the meeting
this forenoon, the question of wharfage
in Honolulu port. The commerce has
so greatly increased that unless some
provision of extra space is made at
once, there will be much delay in han-
dling the incoming sugar crop. It was
hoped that the proposed fish market
slips would be available, but that por-
tion of the harbor has been taken over
by the Government at Washington.
One proposal to be made at this time is
to have extensive dredging done at
once in the neighborhood of Lime
point and into the Nuuanu stream. As
it is now, without any sugar to amount
to anything moving, it is impossible at
times for the steamers of the inter-is-
land and traffic companies to get to wharves
for several hours after arrival.

The 1899 Annual.

T. G. Thrum, the registrar of deeds,
merchant, printer and veteran publish-
er of the standard Hawaiian Annual,
will have a number of new and attrac-
tive features in the annual to be is-
sued in a few weeks now. An impor-
tant paper to be presented on the pages
will be Mr. Thrum's own illustrated
talk on old Honolulu, delivered before

HE IS OF HAWAII

So Claims a Chinese Charged at
Hong Kong.

HE WAS NATURALIZED HERE

Arraigned to Answer for Burglary.
Is wealthy—Lawyer's Clerk.
Conspiracy Alleged.

The Chinese Overland Trade Report
contains an interesting account of an
extradition case before Commander
Hastings at the magistracy in Hong-
kong. A pake who claims to be a natu-
ralized citizen of this country is the
principal.

It appears that there is an extra-
dition ordinance in the treaty between
Her Majesty and the Emperor of Chi-
na, wherein it is agreed that if crimi-
nals, subjects of China, shall take re-
fuge in Hongkong or on board the
British ships there, they shall upon due
requisition by the Chinese authorities,
be searched for, and, on proof of their
guilt, be delivered up. The crimes men-
tioned in the first schedule of the
ordinance, includes that of burglary.

The present case was that of a Chi-
naman whom the Chinese authorities
wished to get hold of, on the ground
that he was one of a band of robbers
who ransacked a shop at Cha Tan Kok
in the Sun On district, on the 16th of
October. As the accused belonged to
the progressive section of the commu-
nity, the case excited considerable in-
terest among the Chinese reform party,
they claiming that the charge was
merely a trumped up one and that it
had been formulated because that was
the only way in which the Chinese au-
thorities could secure the man's extra-
dition.

The defendant was accused of hav-
ing committed the crime of burglary
within the jurisdiction of China. The
first point to be made on behalf of the
prosecution was to prove that defend-
ant was a Chinese subject. The sec-
ond point would be to prove that he
was one of a band of men who com-
mitted the outrage alleged. With re-
gard to the first point,—that defendant
was a Chinese subject—he, Mr. Robin-
son, for the prosecution, proposed to
call the sergeant interpreter who took
down what defendant said on the
charge being read over to him and af-
ter the man had been cautioned, and
thereby to show that the man was born
in China, and that he had bought lat-
terly a Chinese title, and that he had
adopted the customs of China with re-
gard to marriage and the purchase of
a son, and that he held lands in China.

As to the charge of burglary, the
prosecution alleged that in the month
of October a band of men entered the
village of Cha Tan Kok; some in chairs
and others on foot, and went to a shop
called the Tung Hing Tai shop and ap-
propriated the cash they found in the
shop and also most of the stock in
trade. He should call the general
manager to prove defendant was in the
silk shop when the men entered the
village, that they entered the shop
pointing revolvers, and that they rob-
bed the shop and went away.

Ho Ping Pui, sergeant interpreter at
the Central Police Station, said he was
on duty when defendant was brought
in at half past 4 on the 29th of Octo-
ber. After being charged and duly
cautioned, he voluntarily made a state-
ment, which witness took down and of
which the following is a translation:

"The charge against me of commit-
ting the crime of burglary is not true.
I am wrongfully accused. I am rich.
To accuse me of the base crime is a
false accusation. I went to Honolulu
when I was seven years of age. I
brought my family when I was thirty-
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